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The Year 1899 is Upon Us and finds the Oldest Established Hardware House of J. P. Dowell

WITH A FULL AND COMPLETE STOCK OF EVERYTHING GENERALLY CARRIED IN A HOUSE OF OUR MAGNITUDE. THE PEOPLE OF McKINNEY AND COLLIN COUNTY HAVE PATRONIZED THE HOUSE VERY LIBERALLY FOR THE PAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY, AND IN STARTING A NEW YEAR WE DESIRE TO THANK YOU FOR SAME, AND WILL SAY TO YOU THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN THE BUSINESS. Again asking you to call on us, we are. Respectfully,

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J. P. DOWELL.

LOCAL NEWS.

Items and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

THURSDAY.

Gabe Lucas is in Allen today on business.

Miss Nell Burks is reported quite sick.

W. W. McDowell is on the sick list today.

J. D. Cox was in Dallas on business yesterday.

Albert Smith is reported quite sick of pneumonia.

Geo. Baldock of Denison is visiting friends in the city.

Capt. T. F. Mangum is up, after a brief but severe illness.

Atty. C. B. Randell of Sherman made a short business trip to our city last evening.

Mesdames Wakefield and Elbert who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E R. Hall returned to their homes at Lewisville this morning.

County Clerk Pat Moulden received the sad intelligence late yesterday of the death of his grandmother at Wylie, and has gone there today to attend the funeral.

It is too bad to think that a town like Greenville or any other town for that matter, should have the rail roads running excursions for our people to see a play at an opera house. If we can not build an opera house we will pay another town for having one.

Mrs. Eliza Baker, wife of R.F. Baker, an estimable and well known lady of near Lucas, died this morning at 6:30 o'clock of pneumonia, and will be buried tomorrow at 11 a. m., at Forest Grove cemetery. A sad coincident of this good ladies death is that just six months ago today her son, J. W. Baker, who was killed by a horse, was burried, and from the shock of his untimely death she had never fully recovered.

The following are the newly installed officers of the K. of P. Lodge: E. R. Hall, C. C.; F. P. Schrader, V. C.; Giles McKinney, P.; W. M. Shirley, K. of R. S.; Henry Blake, M. of W.; Harry McDonald, M. at A.; Henry White, J. C. Saunders, Allen, J. G.; Manger, O. G.; M. Representative to H. Sims, alternate.

At the court.

The county court has been busy since Monday on the case of B.F. Hinds vs T. E. Ball, in a suit of breach of contract. The case has been a closely contested one and a large number of witnesses have been examined. The case was finished today and the court has it under advisment at present, but will likely render a decision some time today. Other matters about the capitol are quiet and nothing of interest is transpiring.

Married.

Mr. Jim Throckmorton, who left here a few days since returned Wednesday with his charming bride. Mr. Throckmorton went to Parker county, where he was married to Miss Irene Crawford and at once returned here. The groom is a prominent and wealthy young farmer of our county and lives about two miles south of our city, where he owns a fine farm and beautiful home. He has lived here all his life and by his generous disposition many noble traits of character and enterprising business capacities he has made many friends and led an exemplary and successful life. His bride is a beautiful and accomplished young lady of Parker county and their many friends here will bid her a hearty welcome to her new home and wish for them a life of unalloyed joy and happiness. The Courier with their many friends extends the hearty hand of welcome and congratulation and best wishes for a calm sea for the happy voyage.

FRIDAY

Prof. Fritz of Melissa is here attending the institute.

H. C. Ashby of Denison is visiting our grocers today.

C. H. Bracy, the candy man, of Little Rock is in the city.

Eld. Perryman will preach at the Christian church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oates are reported on the sick list today.

J. N. Waldrup of Denton is among the city's visitors today.

Lone Taylor of Sherman is among the hardware men today.

Miss Ollie Plemmons is at home a few days to attend the institute.

Mrs. J. H. Casey who has been quite sick for several days is recovering.

Miss Belle Matthews and her little sister, Mae, are both on the gaippe list today.

There will certainly be a season in the ground by the time the farmers get ready to plant their crops.

Mrs. Galloway who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Crouch returned to her home at Leonard this morning.

George Baldock, who has been visiting in the city for several days returned to his home at Denison today.

Messrs. J. K. Luster, Sr., and Jr., returned today from a visit to Hot Springs, where they went in search of better health.

Campbell & Edwards, proprietors of the Blue Gallery, are having their quarters enlarged and improved and will soon be prepared to take care of their growing business better than ever before.

T.A. Coleman shipped several car loads of very fine porkers today. They were extraordinarily fine and only go to show how every farmer in Collin county could have their smoke house at home instead of in Kansas city.

Ray White, representing the Stetson Hat Co. of Philadelphia is in the city.

The Rev. J. Orson Miller of Colorado, accompanied by his mother and father, arrived here yesterday and will take charge of St. Peters' Mission and will hold his first service Sunday next. Mr. Miller is a tallented young man and is highly recommended as a minister. The Courier extends the hand of welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson are the proud parents of a sweet little girl who arrived at their home last evening. She has been christened Chrispina Le in honor of a march written by her father and which nas been dedicated to her.

Miss May Melton received a telegram a few days since calling her to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. H. P. Miller of Sherman, who died a few moments after her arrival. The Courier extends sympathy to the breaved family and relatives.

Rev. J. H. White of our city intends delivering a lecture here at an early date for the benefit of the superannuated pastors' fund. Mr. White is an ex-confederate soldier and has had many years experience as a minister and a lecturer, and we bespeak for him much success when the final arrangements are made for his lecture here. The date will be announced soon.

Our genial and gentlemanly tax assessor, Fount Shrader, returned yesterday from his Christmas visit to the old home in Tennessee. He reports a good time and says he found the people there doing well and happy and that the prospects were bright for the future—but that he prefers old Collin and her boundless resources. His mother did not return with him but will remain there till summer. He is well and looks at home and just right in his usual place at the office.

Some of our foremost business men are peering cautiously and carefully into McKinney's future prospects, and great projects of improvement and progress are being carefully placed in the balance and we predict undreamed of advancement for our city in this the last year of the century.

Supt. Erwin received from the superintendent of public instructions yesterday, among other figures, the following that will be of interest to everyone: That Collin county has the largest scholastic population of any county in Texas, there being twelve thousand and three hundred and sixty one within the scholastic age which is from eight to seventeen. McKinney has 514 whites and 194 colored. Fannin, our sister county, is next. She has twelve thousand and fifteen. Think of it, Collin has more school children than any county in Texas.

In a letter to his mother, Joe McAlister, a McKinney, now with Co. I, 1st Texas in Cuba, writes that after crossing the water during a storm he helped to hoist Old Glory over Moro Castle on Jan. 1st, and is now camped eighteen miles from Havana. He says the country is very much stirred up and the natives are so destitute that the little children wear nothing but a piece of cloth tied about their waists. The soldiers are faring very well however, and the Texans are bereaved at the loss of their beloved officer Colonel W. H. Mabry.

First National Officers.

The former officers of the First National Bank have been re-elected for the ensuing year as follows:

Francis Emerson, president.
T. T. Emerson, vice-president.
T. H. Emerson, cashier.
Fred Emerson, assistant cashier.

Very satisfactory annual dividends were declared.

This creditable institution has been a fixture in McKinney since the seventies, having been made a national bank in 1882, and now ranks in confidence and capital among the most solid financial institutions of the state.

Its directors, who are F. Emerson, T. T. Emerson, T. H. Emerson, J. L. Lovejoy and C. H. Welch, are men of unquestionable integrity, each of whom is a bank official either here or elsewhere. No city in the south has safer banks than ours.

"My papa makes pictures and he's a painter." One little tot proudly said to another.

The other said: "My papa makes busts, and he's a—he's a—he's a buster that's what he is."

Goddard-McCracken.

At 8 Wednesday evening at the beautiful, hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Smith, in the presence of a few friends, Mr. Edward C. Goddard of Portland, Oregon, and Miss Minnie McCracken of this city were solemnly united in marriage, Rev. Hallam performing the beautiful ceremony.

The groom, a promising young man, is comparatively a stranger here but from the fact that he has won from among us such a rare and beautiful prize we could but extend him the hand of friendship and good will. Miss McCracken has lived in McKinney two years, during which time she has had charge of the musical department of Hawthorne College. She is a beautiful and estimable young lady of rare accomplishments. Her graceful and charming manner, and genial and tender disposition always win the admiration and friendship of those with whom she may chance to come in contact and Mr. Goddard is to be congratulated on securing such a true grand woman for his bride.

The happy couple left this morning for a tour, whereupon she will return here and finish her contract with the college, and he will return to his home in Oregon.

The Courier and their many friends here extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life of peace and joy and love and sunshine, crowned with glorious success.

Raising Pheasants Near Waco,

Waco, Tex., Jan. 12.—The Waco Pheasant club, of which H. M. Minier is secretary, is getting ready to raise 1000 broods during the coming spring all of which will be liberated. The club does not sell pheasants. Letters come constantly asking for prices of brids and eggs. The club pays high prices for the eggs and many fail to hatch. Considerable losses have been made by young birds dying and by the escape of breeders. The eggs and birds are procured from dealers in several states, from Canada and one member got a coop of breeders from nothern Italy. The object is to stock the state in pheasants and the club is willing to spend money to effect that end. The central club recommends that private individuals who can afford it start pheasantries and raise birds to turn loose. Already the good effect of the work is being felt. The gunners have seen wild pheasants in the woods. The state of Texas protects pheasants. It is unlawful to kill or molest them. There is no open season, as far as pheasants are concerned.

Dun's latest edition: "The country is on the up-grade, and the men who expect to take the downward road have yet some time to wait. There are no indications of the reaction which always follows a large and rapid business recovery, and existing conditions in the industries and in foreign trade by no means forbid the hope that the increase may continue, as it did after the revival in 1879, for several years. Exports compared with imports continue to indicate an enormous balance in cash due this country, and gold imports begin again."

The Kidney Complexion.

The pale, sallow, sunken cheeked, distressed-looking people you so often meet are afflicted with "Kidney, Complexion." Their kidneys are turning to a parsnip color. So is their complexion. They may also have indigestion, or suffer from sleeplessness, neuralgia, rheumatism, brain trouble, nervous exhaustion, and sometimes the heart acts badly. The cause is weak unhealthy kidneys. Usually the sufferer from kidney disease does not find out what the trouble is until it is almost too late, because the symptoms are so like mild sickness that they do not think they need a medicine or a doctor until they are sick in bed.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root will build up and strengthen their weak and diseased kidneys, purify their diseased, kidney-poisoned blood, clear their complexion and soon they will enjoy better health. You can get the regular sizes at the drug store, at fifty cents and one dollar, or you may first prove for yourself the wonderful virtues of this great discovery, Swamp-Root, by sending your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co. Binghampton, N. Y. for a sample bottle and a book that tells all about it, both sent to you absolutely free by mail. When writing kindly mention that you read this liberal offer in The Democrat.

SATURDAY.

E. M. Pace of Dallas is in the city.

Prof. Horne is reported sick today.

Miss Jimmie Jenkins is visiting in Bonham.

Vester Spradley of Allen is in the city today.

Miss Lilla Harris of Allen is visiting in the city.

Prof. Curtis is in the city today attending the Institute.

Miss Blanche Cox of Anna, is spending a few days in the city.

Mrs. J. E. Baldringe has returned to her home at Royce today.

Capt. Ed Stiff shipped a car load of fine cattle to Galveston today.

Mrs. Bessie Harding is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Fitzhugh.

The first thing the town should do now is to make some move to securing substantial side walks.

Miss Hallie Coffey has returned from a very pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Van Alstyne.

R. C. Hawley of the McKinney Telephone Co., is in the city today and will return to Dallas this afternoon.

Prof. Warren of Weston is in the city today looking after the interest of his Business College which opens here Monday morning.

Conductor Ben Boydstun returned last night from a trip with his wife to Aussin, Houston and other South Texas points. This is the first "lay off" Mr. Boydstun has had for several years and he says he certainly did enjoy it. Mrs. Boydstun returned with him to Winsboro where she is visiting her mother. She will return to her home here tomorrow.

The lot just immediately opposite the post office would be a good place for the opera house. We might easily find a better place and more convenient to our people than Greenville.

Editor C. A. Bryant of the School Magazine of Dallas is in the city among the teachers in the interest of his journal.

This morning the local board at McKinney of the Cotton States Building Company of Paris, Texas, had their annual meeting and elected officers as follows: Clinton Thompson, president; W. N. Griffin, vice-president; R. L. Ray, sec., and treasurer; Capt. W. L. Boyd, J. A. Rodgers, U. P. Clardy, H. H. Crouch, J. T. Couch, directors. B. F. Ferguson, C. I. Talkington, J. A. Rodgers, appraisers. The company's dividends for the past year have been quite satisfactory and the new year finds them ready to offer splendid inducements to those wishing to build homes in McKinney. They have money to loan and are ready to accommodate any one wanting a home. For further information see R. L. Ray secretary and treasurer.

University Club.

The University Club met Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Jones. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was small, only five members being present.

The instructress being absent Miss Fannie Waddill heard the lesson on Latin Literature.

We will meet next Thursday at the home of Mrs. Felton, at which time our lesson will be the first in the fourth book of our course.

Dr. and Mrs. Foote Entertain.

A small party of the young people chaperoned by several married couples agreeably surprised Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Foote at their hospitable home last evening. After the arrival of the party a program of cards was soon arranged for the evening and thegenial and accommodating host and hostess, left nothing undone to make their welcome guests enjoy themselves. Games were highly enjoyed. Miss Winnie Stiff and Mr. Henry Warden carrying off the prizes respectively. Charming refreshments were served and the parting hour found them loath to leave the happy scene and it was with many regrets they said good night vieing with eachother in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Foote for their splendid hospitalities and charming courtesies. Those of the party were: Miss Mary Rhea and Hugh Kirkpatrick, Mary Elliott and Dudley Perkins, Sallie Stiff and Dr. Hoard, Winnie Stiff and Henry White, Jessie Stiff and Henry Warden, Mr. and Mrs. Price Stiff, Mrs. Mollie Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott.

The Teachers Instute.

Owing the very bad weather yesterday Friday's program of institute work had to be neglected. It was impossible for the pedagogues to get here and those who did make the trip were few and only discussed the work in brief. The pretty weather today however, has brought them forth in splendid numbers and they are occupying the county court room. There is a good attendance and the meeting is quite interesting and is proving very valuable. The following is the program for today which is being carried out:

9:30 Who is Responsible for Pupil's Lack of Thoroughness?—General Discussion.

10:00. Methods of Teaching Geography—General Discussion.

10:30 When Should Pupils begin Study of Whitney and Lockwood's Grammar?—General Discussion.

11:00 Pages Theory and Practice—Personal Habits and Literary Qualifications of the Teacher. P. 59 to 89.

NOON.

1:15 McMurry's General Method, Chap. II.

2:00 What is the cause of Decline in Teacher's Salary?

2:30 Hughes Mistakes in Teaching 17 to 34.

The institute will adjourn this evening to meet again Friday, Feb. 10. Prof. Erwin is working hard with his institute work as he is with all other portions of his work and his efforts are proving very satisfactory.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING

Of the Christian Church, to be Held at Farmersville Jan. 27, 28 and 29.

Friday, 7 p. m.—Devotional service.

7:30—Discourse—The Spirit of Jesus is the Spirit of Sacrifice, Phil. 2:5-7, G. A. Faris.

Saturday, 10 a.m.—Bible Reading on Finance, R. C. Horn.

10:30—Reflex influence of cheerful giving to benefit others, T. E. Shirley.

11 a. m.—How shall we enlist our brethern in active church work, T. G. Nance,

11:30 a. m.—How may we make these meetings a blessing to both preacher and people? J.B. Faulkner.

11:50 a. m.—Discussion same.

2:30 p. m.—What special features in our church life and work need more attention at this time, B. F. Wilson.

3 p. m.—Bible reading on origen and history of music as a means of teaching and worship, W. B. Carnes.

3:30 p. m —Value of co-operation in all gospel work,—V. R. Stapp. Discussion of methods of co-operation in five minute speeches, lead by Wm. Johnson.

4:30 p. m.—Relation of Sunday School to church.—J. G. Huddleston.

7:15 p. m.—Lecture by Bro. Perryman.

8 p. m.—Discourses what constitutes Scriptural baptism—G.A. Fivis, alternate R. C. Horn.

8:40 p. m.—Miscellaneous business.

9 p. m.—Announcements for the services of Lord's day as arranged by Elders of the Farmersville church and others interested.

Two country clergymen had agreed to exchange pulpits on a certain date. One of them made the following solemn announcement to his congregation on the Sabbath previous to the event:

"My dear brethren and sisters, I have the pleasure of stating that on next Sunday morning the Rev. Zachariah B. Day will preach for you. Let us now sing two verses of hymn No. 489, 'That Awful Day Will Surely Come.'"

And it took him some time to discover why the congregation smiled.—Syracuse Standard.

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Collin County Masonic School.

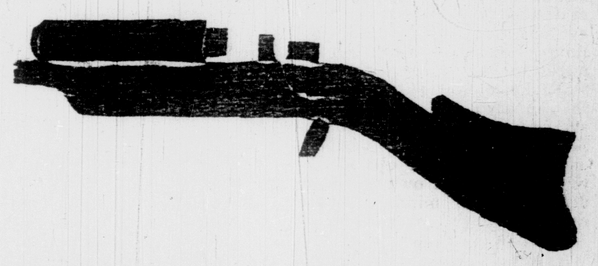
John L. Lovejoy chairman, and J. S. Dowell, J. Leland Franklin and J.W. Hamilton have been appointed a general committee of arrangements for the Collin County Masonic School of Instruction, to be held in McKinney, begining at 2 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Edward C. Goddard left today for his home in Portland, Oregon. His wife will remain here to finish her engagement with Hawthorne College when she will join her husband.

The Edelweiss Club.

Although the clouds hung heavy last Thursday, the Edelweiss club met with Mrs. C. Wesley Goodin. Most all members were present and a royal good time is reported. Roll call was very beautifully responded to with new year resolutions. Our history lesson was heard by Mrs. Weisman in a charming way. Mrs. Ditto heard our parliamentary rules. After a short business session we adjourned, to meet with Mrs. Will Hill the third Thursday in Jan. All members are requested to be present as some important business will come before the club.

Another Christmas Gift.



The above cut is a life size reproduction, by our special artist, of a Christmas present received a few days since by Clay Mack, Jr., of our city, an ex-member of Co. C., 4th Texas, and was sent to him by his former tent mates with the following letter:

"Compliments of S. C. Strauss, J. O. Duncan. W. H. Knott, Mance Stancell, and A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. I. J. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. R. S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. Z. & Brown. We earnestly entreat you to accept this very valuable relic as it is the gun you used in the Spanish-American war. Be very careful with this weapon, as it is dangerous and also may be of service to you some day."

The gun, of which it's owner is very proud, is made entirely of wood, with the exception of a small coil spring inside the muzzle which operates the death dealing engine of war on the pop-gun principle, is about 4 inches in length and will hurl a heavy charge of turnip seed so far that it will take several hours to pick them all up again. The weapon is supposed to be of the latest improved Krag Jorgeusen pattern and an 1899 model, and its adaptability for Spaniard extermination is very perceptable and it needs only to be seen to be appreciated as a long felt want as a weapon for French duelists and pugilistic congressmen.

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Rheumatism is a disordered state of the blood, and the only cure for it is a real blood remedy. Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) goes down to the very bottom of all diseases of the blood, and promptly cures cases that other remedies can not reach.

Mr. E. K. S. Clinkenbeard, a prominent attorney of Mt. Sterling, Ky., writes:

"Two years ago I was a great sufferer from Rheumatism. I had tried every remedy I could hear of except S. S. S. and went to Hot Springs, Ark., where I remained for twelve weeks under treatment, but I experienced no permanent relief, and returned home, believing that I would be a sufferer as long as I lived. At a time when my suffering was unbearable, I chanced to read your advertisement and was impressed with it so much that I decided to try S. S. S. I took eleven bottles and was entirely relieved of all pain and cured permanently. When I began to take S. S. S. I was unable to sit or stand with any ease, and could not sleep. Since taking the last dose I have had no return of the Rheumatism, and I take great pleasure in recommending S. S. S to any one who has the misfortune to suffer with this disabling disease."

S.S.S. is the only cure for Rheumatism, which is the most stubborn of blood diseases. It is not intended to give relief only, but by completely neutralizing the acid condition of the blood it forces out every trace of the disease and rids the system of it forever. It is

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THURSDAY, JAN. 19, 1899.

P. C. THOMPSON, Editor and Proprietor.

God Give Us Men.

"Men whom the spoils of office will not buy,
Men who have opinions and a will,
Men who have honor, men who will not lie."

Our Editorial Platform.

We will speak out, we will be heard,
Though all earth's systems crack,
We will not bate a single word,
Nor take a letter back.

We speak the truth, and what care we
For hissing and for scorn,
While some faint gleamings we can see
Of freedom's coming morn?

Let liars fear, let cowards shrink,
Let traitors turn away,
Whatever we have dared to think
That dare we also say.

—James Russell Lowell.

A former resident of Manila for many years remarks that the Filipino leaders are antagonizing the United States "solely for personal gain and would prove hard masters for the weaker portion of the natives." Aguinaldo's rule would be as bad as that of Spain with his own numerous faults added.

When the Spanish peace commisioners made a request for arbitration Judge Day's reply was: "Arbitration comes before war to avert its evils; not after war to escape its results." The epigram states the case fully in fifteen words.

Governor Pingree of Michigan sees the approaching fruition of a great principle. In his message to the legislature last week he said, among other good things, "I most earnestly recommend that this legislature inaugurate a policy looking to the ultimate purchase by the state of all the railroads within its limits." This is a practical movement in the righht direction; but in order to be effective it must be national in its scope. The states separately cannot successfully own and operate the railroads—except such as may be wholly within their limits. But the states can inaugurate the movement, which when once started, will sweep the country and become a universal principle. It is time for the people to get down to business, and either own and operate the railroads for their own benefit, or make up their minds to let the railroads run the government.

It is the easiest thing in the world to make money, now. Sliding down a greased pole is hardly any slicker. By strict economy and practicing what he preaches, Uncle Russell himself has managed to lay up a little mite of $15,000,000 during the past year. It is also reported that that good soul Aunt Hetty Green, who boards her husband at a cheap lodging house because he is too expensive at home, has put away another $15,000,000 in her old stocking during the same period. Oh, it is easy to make money now. Prosperity is absolutely rampant. See this list of the savings of a few honest millionaires during 1898:

J. D. Rockefeller $30,000,000.
Cornelius Vanderbilt $20,000,000.
W. K. Vanderbilt $20,000,000.
Russell Sage $15,000,000.
Hetty Green $15,000,000.
George J. Gould $10,000,000.
John Jacob Astor $10,000,000.
D. O. Mills $10,000,000
Charles T. Yerkes $10,000,000.
Wm. C. Whitney $5,000,000.
H. O. Havemeyer $5,000,000.
P. A. B. Widener $5,000,000.
W. L. Elkins $5,000,000.
Thos. H. Ryan $5,000,000.
Anthony N. Brady $5,000,000.
John W. Mackey $5,000,000.

Judge Johnson Calls on the President.

Merrill W. Johnson of Paris arrived this morning to get a respite for Henry Bias, convicted of murder at Pauls Valley, I. T., and sentenced to be hanged tomorrow. Mr. Johnson saw the attorney general to-day and accompanied by Mr. Hawley called on the president this afternoon. The president will reach a decision as to the respite in time to stop the execution if Mr. Johnson's request is favorably considered.—Washington (Cor) Dallas News, Jan. 13.

Ownership by the People.

The extent and depth of the feeling in favor of government ownership of public utilities, has been demonstrated in a most striking manner during the past few days, by interviews with the mayors of ten of our principal cities. Seven of the number favored the plan unreservedly, one had not fully made up his mind, another thought it would be feasible in some localities and not in others, while only one, Mayor Flowers of New Orleans was opposed to the proposition, and his opposition seemed to arise from some unsatisfory experience which he did not particularize. Those who favored public owpership, were Tafel of Cincinnati; Kiefer of St. Paul; Jones of Toledo; Phelan of San Francisco; Collier of Atlanta; McKisson of Cleveland; and Taggart of Indianapolis. Mayor Jones of Toledo went so far in his statement as to declare that "private control fosters crime," while Mayor Collier of Atlanta said that public ownership, instead of proving a dangerous step, would be "the means of avoiding prevalent tendencies toward really rash action on the part of the masses." Mayor Tafel of Cincinnati said: "I am heartily in favor of municipal ownership of street railroads, as I think street railway monopolies, with their enormous corruption funds, are a menace to good government and the welfare of the people." The same principle applies naturally, but with much greater force, to government ownership of railroads and all other public utilities, and next to the financial issue this is the coming question of the future.—Mississippi Valley Democrat.

Governor Roosevelt has appointed a democra to look after and prosecute the canal funds and the republicans of New York are trying to stand on their heads. If Roosevelt saw the best lawyer and best service in the democrat why not turn the business over to him. He is working for the whole state of New York, not for the republican party alone and to appoint a democrat is no sign that he is not a republican in the fullest sense of the word. But it is a sign that he possesses a rare individuality that will keep "pie hunting" republicans continually in a stew and also set an example in political circles that will be worthy the nation's emulation as well as hearty approbation.

Old Folger—I've got a letter from my son out west.

Golfin—So? What's Tom doing now?

Old Folger—That's what I can't make out. He says he is engagaged in the destruction of weeds. Now, that may mean he's smoking a good many cigars or that he is trying to induce some widow to make a second venture or it may simply mean that he is doing farm work.—Boston Transcript.

Boy Killed at Denton.

Denton, Tex., Jan. 16.—Tom Collis, the 14-year-old son of T. J. Collis, was the victim of a fatal accident here tonight. He, in company with several other boys, were practicing with a hand hose reel of the fire department, a junior having been recently organized, and were going down a steep grade on Bolivar street, dragging the reel behind them, when young Collis fell from some cause and the apparatus, which will weigh probably 1000 pounds, passed diagonally across his left side, mashing the framework of his body and causing the rupture of one of the main arteries from the heart. He got up and walked back to the fire hall, as if his injuries were slight, and lay down on the floor. He was taken on a stretcher to his home, where he died about twenty-five minutes after the accident. The boys parents are prostrated with grief, and the home was crowded with sympathizing friends when the News correspondent called.

The above is clipped from this morning's Dallas News, and it will be remembered that the above family lived here several years ago and have quite a number of friends here. Mr. Collis ran a meat market here for a long time.

From Mountains of Snow.

Alma, Colo., Jan. 7, 1899.
The McKinney Demmocrat, F. C. Thompson, Publisher, McKinney, Texas, Dear Old Carl:

My silence has been long, but you are not forgotten. I receive and read The Democrat eagerly each week, and always find it quite an agreeable companion. The old paper, unlike men, grows bolder and better with age.

I am still holding down my first job in this state. I am station agent for the Colorado and Southern Ry.; agent for The Pacific Express Co., and telegraph operator. Our road now extends from Wyoming to Fort Worth, Texas. I want to visit Texas so bad that I am getting gray-headed. Have been here two years and two months and not a single day's rest. I enjoy splendid health; fat as a pig, and jolly enough for two men. We are having a very severe winter. The snow is nine feet deep, more or less, all over these mountains now. Have had excellent sleighing for [illegible] weeks. Come up next summer and put in a month or two in the mountains. There is nothing to compare with the summer here. The days are cool and the nights cold. It's immense. Here's $2.00. Please apply on my subscription. Vive la Democrat. My regards to all.

Your old time friend,
WILL E. GUESSOW.

No More Rheumatism

It Had Troubled for Years, but Hood's Cured It

Stronger and Better in Every Way—Gained in Weight.

"I have been afflicted with a disease of the lungs, and my constitution has not been strong for many years. Several years ago I was taken with rheumatism in my left hip. It was not acute, but very troublesome, making it difficult for me to walk. My physicians told me my blood was in a bad condition and that I needed an blood purifier. I bought three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and when I had taken the first bottle I was greatly benefited. I took the second and third bottles and found that I had no more rheumatism. I gained five pounds in weight and was much stronger than before taking Hood's Sarsaparilla." J. E. BOZEMAN, Bowie, Texas. Remember

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the One True Blood Purifier. $1; six for $5.

GOVERNOR SAYERS INAUGURATED.

Ten Thousand Persons Witness the Ceremonies at the Texas Capital.

THE ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR.

It Showed That His Great Desire Was Above All Good Government.

BROWNING MAKES A SHORT ADDRESS.

Senate Passes a Resolution Appealing to Texas Congressmen for Relief from Federal Injunctions.

Austin, Jan. 18.—At high noon yesday in the presence of fully 10,000 people, gathered in the immense galleries and lobby of the house of representatives, Hon. Joseph D. Sayers was inugurated governor and J. M Browning inaugurated lieutenant governor. Immediately upon taking the oath of office Governor Sayers delivered a lengthy address.

The address of Governor Sayers was well received, though it was of length. He read it from manuscript and the audience heard it through with apparent pleasure. It dealt with matters which showed that the highest ambition of the governor is to have a strong, vigorous, business-like administration, which will as far as possible relegate politics to the rear and build up the state in all things.

JOSEPH D. SAYERS.

While there might be no particular expression indicating this, yet the impression that this was the main thing in his remarks was made on nearly all who heard him.

The speech of Lieutenant Governor Browning was very short. No surprise was expressed at this for the lieutenant governor lost his son a short time ago. He met with an accident which placed him in bed for weeks and his life was despaired of all the time. Under these circumstances it was not expected that any deliberate speech would be prepaired by Governor Browning.

The senate in the morning passed the senate concurrent resolution requesting the Texas delegation to congress to have speedily passed all necessary laws authorizing appeals and writs of error from interlocutory orders of federal courts, granting the right of refusing injunctions, and also to give litigation relating to the powers or actions of railway commissions, and they to have precedence over other litigations pending before said courts.

Senator Dibrell of Guadalupe introduced a bill defining libel, or in other words to more effectively secure the liberty of the press and to prevent abuses in exercising the liberty of the press.

A flood of bills were presented in the house and senate, enough to keep the legislature busy until adjournment should all be acted upon.

The house passed a resolution inviting William Jennings Bryan to address the Texas legislature upon the occasion of his visit here on Jan. 19.

The inaugural ball took place at night.

Sayers' Resignation Received.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Speaker Reed, of the house, has received the resignation of Governor Sayers of Texas. The resignation of Governor McMillin of Tenn., is expected to follow soon.

Committed Suicide.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 18.—A. C. Bishop, acting chief of police of this city, shot and killed himself. Members of the force heard a shot and going into the chief's office found him lying dead on the floor with a revolver in his hand and a bullet in his brain. It is impossible to tell at this time whether it was accidental or suicide. Bishop was about 40 years old and has been on the force for five years.

Ordered to Cuba.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Secretary Gage has ordered A. L. Lowsha of the treasury department to proceed at once to Cuba and organize a modern system of government accounting on that island. Mr. Lowsha left at once for Havana with half a dozen clerks.

Covered Itself With Glory.

Louisville, Jan. 18.—The Southern railway covered itself with glory when it hauled seven cars of army supplies from Louisville to Savannah, Ga., in 26 hours and 12 minutes, the entire distance being 1024 miles.

The Woman Preached.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Pastor Lovejoy came from Michigan to preach a trial sermon in hope of a call. He became too ill to preach. His wife took the pulpit and preached for an hour an eloquent sermon.

Major Hotchkiss Dead.

Richmond, Jan. 18.—Major J. E. Hotchkiss, Stonewall Jackson's celebrated civil engineer, died at his home in Staunton of grip, complicated with meningitis.

Shot in a Saloon.

Honey Grove, Tex., Jan. 18.—In Mort Anderson's saloon here, Lee Mansfield of Jonesboro, Ga., was shot. Mansfield will die.

FIGHTING FOR CONTROL.

Frisco and Iron Mountain in a Squabble Over the Arkansas Central

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 18.—The litigation between the St. Louis and San Francisco and the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railroads over the control of the Arkansas Central, which was recently placed in the hands of a receiver, has reached a rather sensational stage. Both roads attempted to run trains over the road Monday with the result that none were run. Receiver Blair, acting under an injunction, refused to allow the Iron Mountain train to go out on the run, and upon his own authority as receiver refused to send out the Frisco train.

Both roads claim contracts with the Arkansas Central, and as a consequence no trains will go out over the Arkansas Central until this question is settled. Passengers and mail are being hauled by private conveyance.

Henry Carmichael Wounded.

Hillsboro, Tex., Jan. 18.—Henry Carmichael was found in an unconscious condition on the Katy railroad near the Vulcan iron works. There was an ugly gash over the left temple. He is still unconscious, with but little hope for his recovery. There is a mystery about his injury which the officers are working hard to clear up. There is an apparently well founded belief that he was followed by some one in the darkness and left for dead.

Will Stop the Fight.

Galveston, Jan. 18.—Sheriff Thomas has notified the officers of the Galveston Athletic club that the proposed fight between Joe Choynski and Jim Hall could not take place. The 25 round contest was booked for Thursday night at the opera house. Captain McDonald of the rangers is in the city, presumably in the interest of the state and to see that the law is enforced.

Sensational Advance.

Boston, Jan. 18.—Another sensational advance in the stock of the American Bell Telephone company started with the opening of the market Tuesday, when it went up 10 points in as many minutes until it it reached $310. Subsequently the stock sold at $306. After the high record of $299 in 1883 the stock fell to $263 in February, 1894, and again in the war scare of March, sold down to $238.

Robbed In a Street Car.

St. Louis, Jan. 18.—In a crowded street car on board of which was a policeman, three men robbed W. H. Snider, resident manager of the National Fire Insurance company, of a jewel case containing between $3,000 and $4,000 worth of jewelry. Despite the presence of the policeman the robbers escaped with the booty.

Garcia's Son Enters College.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Mario Garcia, a son of the late General Garcia, has entered Union college. He is the first Cuban to take apvantage of the Cuban Educational society, which was organized for the purpose of giving free education to Cubans in American colleges.

WARM FIGHT FOR SENATOR.

Republicans and Democrats in West Virginia in a Vigorous Battle.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 18.—The senatorial contest, now pending before the West Virginia legislature, surpasses in political importance anything of the kind in the history of a state. Delegations are here from all counties interested in the different candidates. With a Republican majority in the senate and a Democratic majority in the house, there is a tendency in each body to retaliate partisan matters, especially setting the contests of seats. Indications now are that when the contests are all settled the Republicans will have a majority of one on joint ballot for senator. Republican senators say they will unseat one for every member unseated in the house. The majority of the lower house retaliates with the statement that it has more members than the upper house to unseat and can play out longer on such a retaliation programme.

Quay Short Sixteen.

Harrisburg, Jan. 18.—The end of the first day's fight in the battle for United States senator leaves the result very much in doubt. It is Senator Quay against the field and the indications are that there will be a deadlock lasting some days at least. The Republicans are divided between Quay and eight "favorite sons" and the Democrats are united on George A. Jenks. Quay's full strength is 112, 16 less than the number required to elect.

Beveridge from Indiana.

Indianapolis, Jan. 18.—Albert J. Beveridge was elected United States senator by the general assembly.

Senator Davis Reelected.

St. Paul, Jan. 18.—Senator Cushman K. Davis received a majority of both houses for reelection as United States senator.

Reelection of Senator Lodge.

Boston, Jan. 18.—Each branch of the legislature balloted for United States senator Tuesday and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, the Republican nominee, received heavy majorities in both houses.

Senator Burrows Reelected.

Lansing, Jan. 18.—Senator Julius C. Burrows was reelected senator. His election will be ratified at the joint session of the legislature.

Hale Succeeds Himself.

Augusta, Jan. 18.—Eugene Hale was reelected senator by the concurrent vote of the two branches of the legislature, and a joint convention will formally confirm the election.

Senator Cockrell Reelected.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 18.—Francis Marion Cockrell has been reelected to his fifth term as United States senator by the legislature. Tomorrow the election will be ratified by both houses in joint session.

Nebraska's Vote for Senator.

Lincoln, Jan. 18.—The vote for United States senator yesterday was as follows: Allen, 58; Hayward, 28; Webster, 10; Thompson, 7; Field, 4; Davidson, 1; Lambertson, 3; Valentine, 3; Hinshaw, 3; Little, Cornish, Haynes, Martin and Vendyne, 1 each; Reese, Majors, Adams and Ross, 2 each. All are Republicans except Mr. Allen. Mr. Allen received the solid fusion vote.

Will Sail For Manila.

New York, Jan. 18.—The Fourth regiment of United States infantry, from Ft. Sheridan, Ills., has arrived and will sail from here tomorrow morning on the transport Grant, which will also carry Major General Lawton and his staff. The Grant is a model transport and the first to sail from this port for Manila via the Suez canal.

Big Bankrupt Stock

OF

L. Brin of Kaufman, Te

Is now being sold at a great sacrifice at the Missippi Store. have too many goods. They must go regardless of price. bought this big stock at 55 cents on factory price. We can will sell you the goods at less than our competors pay, and ma a profit.

We Buy Nothing From High Priced Commercial Agents.

Our buyer Chas. B. Rouss who carries a stock of merchandise in New York City of seven million has not one but one hundred buyers, not only in New York but in all parts of the world, with unlimited cash in hand to buy the Earth itself, at forced sales; not shrunk in fabrics but in price

10 yd Lonsdale Hope Dom	50c	15c outing flannel	7½c	50c Ladies drawers	25c	100 pr mens 1.50 shoes	75c
10 yd 4-4 Brown Domestic	40c	20c novelty cotton dress goods	10c	1.00 boys suits	50c	100 pr Florsheim's 5.00 shoes	3.85
10 yd Calico	20c	8 1-3c apron check gingham	5c	2.50 boys suits	1.50	100 pr Florsheims 4.50 shoes	3.00
10 yd 10c cotton flannel	60c	$5.00 Chenille Portiers, pr	2.75	4.50 boys suits	2.50	100 pr P. calf boots	95c
10yd 8 1-3c cotton flannel	50c	1.50 ready made skirts	90c	1.00 capes	50c	2.00 men's boots	1.25
10 yd 6¼c cotton flannel	40c	2.50 ready made skirts	1.50	2.00 capes	1.15	1.50 Monarch Shirts	1.00
10 yd 8 1-3c percales	45c	6.50 silk skirts	4.50	4.00 Plush capes	2.25	1.25 Monarch Shirts	90
10 yd 12½c percales	75c	100 ladies nicely made wrappers 50c to	1.50	7.50 Plush capes	3.75	1.00 Monarch Shirts	75c
10 yd ½ wool dress goods	50c	50 doz men's 50c undershirts	35c	50 mens 2.50 derby hats	25c	15c Arrow Collars	10c
10 yd red all wool flannel	50c	25 doz men's 40c undershirts	25c	25 doz mens & boys caps ½ price		E. & W. Collars	15c
$1.00 Novelty dress goods	50c	50c ladies union suits	35c	6.00 Stetson hats	3.75	Celluloid Collars	5c
75c Novelty dress goods	35c	40c misses union suits	25c	5.00 Stetson hats	3.00	5.00 Men's suits	2.95
50c Novelty dress goods	25c	25c ladies vests	16 2-3c	100 pr ladies 1.25 kid shoes	50c	12.50 Mens suits	7.50
				200 pr ladies 2.50 kid shoes	1.00	10.00 men's suits	6.00

McKinney is the metropolis of Collin county, for its unrivalled and matchless production, no less than its supremacy in the matter of competitions, and it is an imperative duty that no intelligent man can afford to shirk. That he make his purchases, not of the middle men called the scorpions of commerce, nor of the second and third hands, but from cash concerns who know how to buy and who have the coin to plank down under the flag those unalterably and merciless terms (Excluding Long Timers and Light Weights) are cash before delivery.

The Mississippi Store.

GEN. EAGAN TO BE COURTMARTIALED.

The President Decides This Course for His Actions Toward Miles.

THE TESTIMONY OF THE GENERAL.

He Eliminates His Harsh Words but Still Applies New Titles to Gen. Miles.

LIBRARIAN YOUNG DIES AT WASHINGTON.

He Was One of the Best Known Men at the National Capital—Had Been Sick Several Weeks at His Home.

Washington, Jan. 18. — President McKinley announced at the cabinet meeting that he had determined a court-martial for General Eagan. Secretary Alger was not present, but Adjutant General Corbin was at the White House in conference with the president on the subject just prior to the cabinet meeting.

EAGAN'S STATEMENT.

While He Eliminates Harsh Words He Changes but Little.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The war investigating commission has decided to make public the amended statement filed by Commissary General Eagan. The commission permitted representatives of the press to read the statements and it is announced by newspaper men that General Eagan eliminated all objectionable statements. The changes made by General Eagan in the document are mainly in line with that demanded by the commission, yet the phraseology has been altered frequently. He refers to General Miles as Senior Major General Nelson A. Miles, and while keeping strictly within the line of propriety in the judgment of the commission, in a negative manner at least, he resents any assumption of General Miles' superiority and asserts that he is as good, as old and as experienced a soldier as General Miles. He also criticizes the latter's attack on the beef industry as infamous.

MR. YOUNG DEAD.

Congressional Librarian Passes Away at Washington.

Washington, Jan. 18.—John Russell Young, librarian of the congressional library, died at 8:45 yesterday morning, of illness of several weeks' duration.

Mr. Young was one of the best known men at the national capital. He was known by every congressman, every senator and every government employe at Washington.

JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG.

He was systematic in his work and when a member of congress called for a book he knew just where it could be found. He was a man who had few enemies and a host of friends. He took great interest in children and only recently fitted up a special reading room for all under the ages of 16.

John Russell Young had a notable career as journalist, diplomatist, public official and the intimate associate of distinguished public men. He was born in Downington, Chester county, Pa., Nov. 20, 1841.

DEPEW AS A SENATOR

New York Legislature Elects Him Succeed Edward Murphy, Jr.

Albany, Jan. 18.—Chauncey M. Depew will be the next senator from New York state in the upper house of congress.

The senate and assembly in their respective chambers voted yesterday for United States senator. In the assembly

CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW.

Chauncey M. Depew received 84 votes and Edward Murphy Jr., the present senator, 60. In the senate Depew received 27 and Murphy 23 votes.

This insures the election of Mr. Depew, one of the staunchest Republicans of New York, in place of Senator Murphy, who holds a like position among the Democrats.

Alger May Resign.

Washington, Jan. 18.—There is a rumor out that Secretary Alger will resign from the cabinet. There seems to be good grounds for the rumor.

A letter from G. W. Ellis, postmaster at Fayburg, received this morning gives the following very interesting facts. Mr. Ellis writes: "In the fall of 1897 I wrote a letter and placed it in a bale of cotton, asking, in the letter, the finder of it to answer and tell me when and where it was opened and what cotton was worth at that place. I received a letter the 17th of Dec. 1898, from Thomas Shaw of Shooya, Russia, dated the 8th of Dec. '98, stating that cotton was worth 20 cents per pound at that place. I have the original letter in my possession if any one wishes to see it. I received 5c for the bale of cotton."

"I'll give you 30 days in the workhouse," said the judge. "I ought to give you six months."

"Thanks for the clemency," said the culprit.

"No clemency at all, I assure you. I am afraid if you staid that long you might get used to it and not mind it."—Indianapolis Journal.

MR. BRYAN AT DENVER.

He Makes Two Speeches in That City to Large Audiences.

Denver, Jan. 18.—Colonel William J. Bryan made two public speeches in Denver yesterday, both of which were listened to by audiences only limited by the capacity of the auditorium. The first was at 2 o'clock in the hall of the house of representatives to which only the fortunate ones who held tickets were admitted. The other was at 8 o'clock at Coliseum hall, the largest room in the city, where thousands struggled for standing room while other thousands turned away in disappointment at not even getting a glimpse of the great silver champion.

In his address before the legislature Mr. Bryan devoted most of his time to a discussion of duties of legislators and other public officers whom he designated public servants, not masters of the people.

The crowd which greeted Mr. Bryan at Coliseum hall at night began gathering at 4 o'clock, four hours before the time set for the meeting. At 8 o'clock when Hon. Milton Smith, chairman of the state central committee, called for order, there were 5000 people in the hall and as many more on the outside pressing for admission. Governor Charles S. Thomas was presented as chairman of the meeting and in an eulogistic speech he introduced Colonel Bryan, who was received with prolonged applause.

Mr. Bryan left this morning for Austin, Tex., where he will make an address.

A Fatal Accident.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Jan. 18.—Floyd Shaw, a young man who made his home with his uncle, Joe P. Clevinger, three miles west of this town, died from an accidental pistol wound. He had a pistol in his overcoat pocket and it was accidentally discharged. The ball went into his thigh and cut the big artery, causing fatal hemorrhage.

Unknown.

MRS. F. C. THOMPSON.

(Dedicated to the unfortunate stranger who was found dead near McKinney, Jan. 4, 1899.)

Unknown! Alas that cold sad word
Is spoken everywhere.
Unknown! What wonder he should
Take his life in dark despair!

Unknown! His bright or gloomy pas
Is volume closely sealed—
He may have basked in sunshine's lov
Or lived in clouds concealed.

He was some loving [illegible] boy
Some mother, day
Is waiting for her bo
Or message of his s

Some tender hand wo
Would shed love's
Some heart would ble
For the boy who's [illegible]row
[illegible] down here.

What Next?

It does seem, as though the seedsmen would stop somewhere, but here comes a work of art. Think of it, twenty-four pages lithographed in colors, not gaudy chromos, but from photographs in colors, upon an entirely new plan. This, in itself is enough to turn every woman's head. Then follow about one hundred more pages, filled with handsome handsome half-tone illustrations of Flowers, Fruits, and Vegetables, photographed from nature, all print on fine paper and enclosed in an excellent cover of white and gold. Vick's Garden seed and Floral Guide also contains full descriptions and directions for planting Flowers and Vegetables, Plants, Small Fruits, etc. It explains a new departure in selling Vegetable Seeds by weight in place of old style of packets; also a grand offer giving customers credit for full amount of purchase to apply on order for implements and useful articles. This splendid work of art will be mailed with a due bill good for 25 cents worth of seeds for only 15 cents. Write James Vicks Sons, Rochester, N. Y.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, contains no mercury and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Halls Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken intepnally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists, price 75c bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

LOCAL NEWS.

...Happenings of Interest ...ed by The Democrat's ...Many Readers.

TUESDAY.

...r of Rheas Mill is in ...

...of all kinds at T. L. ...'s.

...field has returned from ...

...nt subscribes for The ...

... butter and eggs to ...taurant.

...son of Denison is in ...

...re hungry call on T. L ...ny.

...Roderick is on the sick ...y.

...framing done in latest ... Drug Store,

...atrick is quite sick ...

... Store for satisfac-tion.

J. C Dunn of Altoga renews for The Democrat.

Square meals and lunches to order at the Star Restaurant.

John Bryant of Chambersville is in the city.

Buy your drugs and medicines this year at City Drug Store.

Eugene Hinman is reported on the sick today.

To subdue Nervous Irritability, Neuralgia. Hysteria, St. Vitus' Dance, use Simmons Squaw Vine Wine or Tablets.

S. H. Foster of Vineland remembers The Democrat with a renewal.

During the holidays get a square meal at T. L. McMennany's, first door east of J. P. Dowell's hardware store.

Mrs. Josie Norvelle is visiting in Austin today.

For overworked girls and feeble women, Simmons Squaw Vine Wine or Tablets are Nature's greatest boon.

Miss Lou Tefteller is reported quite sick today.

Remember the Nickel Store remains next door to the post of ...ce.

Mr. French of Fort Worth is here on business.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Window glass, all sizes and putty at City Drug Store.

Oscar and Albert Smith are ill on the sick list.

If gloomy and nervous, and looking on the dark side of things take a few doses of Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine, and the gloom will disappear.

W. B. Evans is up after a severe attack of la grippe.

...r F. Anthony, ex-postmaster of Promise City, Iowa, says: "I bought one bottle of Mystic Cure for Rheumatism, and two doses of it did me more good than ...dicine I ever took. Sold by Smith Bros. No 4 East Side Square.

...has passed away, ...finds Goostree & ...supplied with a ...eries.

C. Cha...er of Denison is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. J. A. Russell left yesterday to visit relatives in Arkansas.

Best old Rye Whiskey, Pure and fine for grip. City Drug Store.

Supt. W. M. Erwin is visiting his schools over the county this week.

Don't hesitate to visit the Nickel Store. You will be very welcome.

Walter Adamson has returned from a trip to several points sonth of Dallas.

To relieve Mental Worry, cure Despondency and give refreshing sleep, use Simmons Squaw Vine Wine or Tablets,

Thanks for renewal of The Democrat by Wm. Duncan.

Best paint on earth, guaranteed; Sherwin & Williams. Sole agency. City Drug Store.

Equal privilege to all at the Nickel Store,

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oates have recovered from their severe attack of the grippe.

Goostree & Houston—ever affable—ever faithful and ever supplied with good groceries.

Money To Loan.

Loans Made on Improved Farms
Vendors Lien Notes Extended.
Straight Interest.
Rates to meet the times.
No Commissions Charged.
Loans from $250 upwards.
Loans payable in installments to suit borrowers. No delay.
MONEY ALWAYS ON HAND.
Save Money by applying direct to

ROBERT RALSTON,
221 Commerce st, Dallas. Texas.

Price Stiff and John Hill left yesterday for Chicago where they go to market cattle.

Why do you see the name of Goostree & Houston so often in these columns?—Because their extensive trade justifies them in advertising.

Will Wallace of West Collin was in the city this morning enroute to Galveston.

Santa Claus did not get all the pretty toys and useful articles from the Nickel Store, there's still something for you at a very reasonable price.

W. W. McDowell is able to be on our streets today, after a severe attack of the grippe.

IN OLDEN TIMES.

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system. Buy the genuine, made by the California Fig Syrup Co.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gannaway of Longview, Tenn., are the guests of relatives in the city.

Goostree & Houston are busy but "Keep a shovin' an' a push-n'" and you will get exactly what you want,

Women's Complexion depend for beauty upon Digestion. Dr M. A. Simmons Liver medicine Regulates the Stomach, Liver and kidney and secures the blessings of good digestion.

Mrs. Wade, who has been very sick for several weeks, is convalescing and is expected to recover soon.

Just received large shipment of new wall papers from factory, new and pretty at City Drug Store.

EdGibson, a prominent young man of Melissa, is here today and reports all the vitims of the wreck doing well excepct W. M.Shirley.

50 different kind cough and la grippe medicines at City Drug Store.

Mrs. Neathery who has been visiting her parents and friends here returned to her home at Farmersville today.

Take your produce to Goostree & Houston and while there compare their groceries with those of their competitors.

Rev. Ashburn, Presiding Elder for this district, held regular quarterly conference at the Methodist church last night.

RHEUMATISM CURED IN A DAY.

"Mystic Cure for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits. 75c. Sold by Smith Bros. Druggists No 4. East Side Square.

W. M. Norris remembers The Democrat.

For La grippe remedies go to City Drug Store.

Morning sickness, or Nausea from Pregnancy, is dispelled by Simmons Squaw Vine Wine or Tablets.

E. F. England of Lucas was in the city Tuesday.

Groceries! Groceries!! Groceries!!! Full weight—cheap and good at Goostree & Houston.

We have received a number of new subscribers recently for which we are grateful. We will endeavor to give out a first-class local paper in return.

Remember we club THE DEMOCRAT with Texas Farm & Ranch—both papers for $1.50.

T. B. Wilson of Altoga takes the combination of The Democrat and Farm & Ranch.

Good health is worth more than anything else to you, and every bottle of Hood's Sarsaparlila contains good health.

A few doses of Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine will do more for a weak stomach than a prolonged course of any other medicine.

Ask Your Neighbor

whose house is conspicuously clean, whose work worries her least, whose leisure time is greatest, how she manages. The chances are ten to one she will answer:

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WEDNESDAY

Our paper goes to Mrs. A. B. Elliott, Cisco, Texas.

Don't be imposed upon—don't impose upon others—this rule brings success to Goostree & Houston.

We have a splendid force of correspondents over the county and wish to increase the number.

C. L Snyder of Climax sends The Democrat to W. E. Snyder at Durant, I. T.

Success comes to those who persevere. If you take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithfully and persistently, you will surely be benefitted.

Give me a share of your patronage. Good Goods, low prices, fair dealing. J. E. Wiley.

Go to J. E. Wiley for your Groceries. Morrow Block, opposite post office.

A. W. Campbell, a member of the committee on work, will conduct the Collin county Masonic school of instruction that meets in McKinney at 2 o'clock p. m. Jan. 24.

K. K. Kerr is in Fort Worth.

L. T. Johnson is in Dallas today.

Editor Charlie Ridout of Plano is here today.

Mrs. J. L. Lovejoy is visiting in Taylor, Texas.

Prayer meeting at all the churches this evening.

Miss Bell Christie of Allen is shopping in the city today.

J. M. Ball is convalescing, after a ten days' siege of grippe.

Dr. J. C. Erwin and father are in Sherman on business today.

E. W. Kirkpatrick is convalescing from an acute attack of the grippe.

Miss Mary Sperr of White's Grove died Tuesday morning of pneumonia.

I have the freshest stock of Groceries in town and bought right for cash—give me a call. J. E. Wiley, opposite post office. next door to S. Weisman.

Within the last three months a number of our subscribers have renewed for The Democrat, which we have failed to mention in these columns. We hereby assure them, however, that we appreciate the faver.

WANTED.

Reliable man for Manager of Branch office I wish to open in this vicinity. If your record is O. K. here is a good opening. Kindly mention this paper when writing.

A. T. Morris, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Illustrated catalogue 4c postage.

We note the wedding of Dr. L. Miller and Miss Leola Spivey at Plano, Monday Jan. 9. We are acquainted with the bride and can truly say that Dr. Miller has won a prize, indeed. She possesses, in an eminent degree, the qualities of intelligence, industry, beauty and a lovable disposition. May the couple enjoy a long, prosperous and happy future.

The economical wearing of pants means wearing the best. The best jeans pants are the BUCKSKIN BREECHES. They are made of good jeans. sewed with the best thread, and the know-how make the fit and looks, and the low price. There's a guarantee with each pair—look in the pockets.

If you need stovewood see D. F. Duley at Allison's wagon yard. He will sell anykind of wood, elm ash, oak, etc. Orders filled on short notice, and satisfactorily.

Look out for my ad. on Seed Potatoes, Onion Sets, Field and Garden Seeds. J. E. Wiley, opposite post office.

List of Letters

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex. Jan. 19, '99, which, if unclaimed, in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C:

LADIES.

Agee, Mrs Lena
Erwin, Mrs R W
Hanna, Mrs S E
Hutcheson, Mrs M E
Ray, Sharlotte
Richey, Mrs Amanda
Russell, Mrs Lena
Strong, Miss Mattye
Suivan, Mrs G
Stuart, Mrs Sallie
Triplett, Mrs Pearl
White, Miss Mary.

GENTLEMEN.

Anderson, T C
Aubin, C L
Brittian, Scott
Brooks, W P
Butler, Ather
Cole, J O
Gray, Clinton
Hawley, H H
Horn, Walter
Jones, Henry
Knott, W B
Manahan, W E
Myers, C H
Moore, Isaac J
Pearce, Wm
Standerfer, Bill
Smith, G F
Williams, Joe
Wilson, Robert

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "advertised" or they may fail to get them.

H. E. SMITH, Postmaster.

Quite a number of our people will attend the opera at Greenville this evening.

Miss Nannie Ware and Mrs. Joe Leonard are visiting friends in Plano this week.

Quite a number of bales of cotton and wagon loads of corn were on our market today.

Eld. G. A. Faires of Gainesville has accepted the pastorate of the Christian church of our city and will enter upon his duties here Sunday.

The water works ditching force are coming up South Tennessee street in a rush, and the more they cut off the end of that big ditch the longer it gets. It will not take them but a few days to reach the square.

Every member of Loyal Council No. 52, Jr. O. U. A. M. is especially requested to attend the meeting of that order tomorrow night. as business of great importance is to be attended to.

O. E. SMITH, V. C.

On account of the play, "Merchant of Venice" by the Odette-Tyler Combination at the Greenville opera house tonight, the S. S. & S. Ry., will run a special train leaving McKinney at 5:00 p. m., returning after the performance. Fare from McKinney 75c for the round trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White, T. T. Emerson and J. L. Lovejoy are attending the Banker's Convention of the northern district of Texas, at Dallas, today. A grand ball and banquet will be given this evening in honor of the convention.

Eld. S. K. Hallam and wife left today for Roswell, N. M., where Eld. Hallam has been called by the Christian church of that city. For two years he has been pastor of the Christian church here, and he and his charming wife have made many friends throughout the city. Eld. Hallam is a strong and faithful church worker, as well as an able preacher, and the entire town miss him and his good wife from our midst. While we regret to see them go, we wish for them health, happiness and contentment in their new home.

THE COUNCIL MEETS.

Taxes Lowered, Orders for Better Side-walks and Routine Business Attended to.

The Council met last evening in regular session and the question of taxes came before the body and was discussed at length the result of which a lower rate by three cents than heretofore was voted.

The taxes which have been one dollar are now 97 cents. Another very important step taken last night was the order and recommendation for better side walks in the different parts of the city where the walks are deficient and good walks much needed. After routine business was attended to and the usual bills allowed paid, the council appointed a committee to look after the city's official printing which committee will receive bids from the local newspapers of the city and accept the one they deem proper and best. No other business of importance came before the body and adjournment was had at a late hour.

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Went to Greenville

The following are among those who attended the play, "Merchant of Venice," presented at King's opera house at Greenville last evening. They report a good time, a well executed play and a big crowd:

Misses Fannie Allen, Bessie Howard, Velma Scott, Kate Carrington, Lottie and Willie Harrison and Patie Thornton.

Messrs. Dudley Perkins, Will Lake, Barney Morton, Will Looney, Fount Shrader, Yancy Powell, W. N. Collier, Guy Rambo, Pat Moulden, Charlie Lake, June Melton, Lige Hall, Tom Perkins, Jerry Reddish, M. E. Purnell, Will Cloyd, L. I. Dreeben, Henry White, Hilary Ball, L. A. Scott, Charlie Carrington, Morris Feuchtwanger, Less White, Joe Mayes, Roy Largent, and John Douglass.

Fred Largent and wife, Perry Burrus and wife, Hollis Bryan and wife, E S. Burge and wife, Dr. J. A. Caldwell and wife, Dr. A.J. Caldwell and wife, Wallace Hughston and wife. Mesdames Ir, Pearson, Ben Boydstun, Grayum.

Dasherly—Is it possibie to love two girls at the same time?

Flasherly — Depends entirely upon your income.—Ex.

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Notes From Over the County...

Rockhill Rubics.

Dr. Douglass has moved to Denton.

Our school now has an enrollment of 111.

Dr. Combest has moved to his home purchased of Dr. Douglass.

Uncle Bob Burton has returned from a visit to relatives in Arkansas and Tennessee.

Owing to the inclement weather the teachers' Institute did not convene until Saturday. Seven teachers were present.

Rockhill, Tex., Jan. 17th.' 99.

Fairfield Fancies.

Forest Adams is sick.

Little Leonard Ray is sick.

Our school is progressing nicely.

Mr. James Wells is yet on the sick list.

Little Eugene Hinman is on the sick list.

Services are held at the Catholic church every fourth Sunday.

Mrs. C. W. Goodin entertained the Edelweiss club Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lawrence are visiting relatives near Roland.

R. V. Daughertee is building an addition to F. C. Thompson's barn.

A. C. Thompson has put down a new side walk in front of his residence.

There was no school Friday, owing to the local Institute being in session.

Mr. Cline purchased a farm north of McKinney and recently moved thereto.

Doc. Ferguson and son, Erwin, are doing some carpentering for Owens' lumber company.

Some of our citizens are watching with interest the progress of McKinney's water works. There is no doubt about a growing desire to have our suburb attached to the municipality of McKinney,

OCCASIONAL.

Notes From Calamity City.

Calamity City, Jan. 16, '99.

"What-soever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." The above quotation is a good New Year resolution for 1899.

Mr. Dave Recer and Mesdames Caldwell and Recer are on the sick list this week.

The appointments for the different churches are, the first Sunday, Bro. Dunn; third Sunday, Bro. Howard; fourth Sunday, Bro, Blackburn.

The following is a partial list of visitors to our city during the holidays: Messrs. Howard and Dave Fagala of Valdasta; Prof. Fox Striplin and wife of Dublin; T. M. Derrick and wife of Melissa; Bradley Childress and wife of Rhea Mills, Mr. Head and wife of Indian Territory.

Messrs. Arnold Wright and Pet Whorton of Hawthorn College, visited home people.

Miss Alice Hayes of Whitewright has returned home and is mingling with friends again.

Dr. Chas. Hayes made a flying trip to Paris during the holidays.

The scribe after several weeks visit to relatives and friends in and near McKinney, returned last week.

We are now willing to wager that we have the muddiest streets in the county, for we never do things by halves.

HAZEL EYES.

Altoga Anthems

A. L. Hatter is on the sick list.

Mr. Fagala of Valdasta was here Saturday.

Williard Hudleston of Johnson community was here Sunday.

Numerous land trades have taken place lately in and around our little village.

Eld. Morgan of McKinney filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. John Mooreland, Ike Mooreland, Noah Hale and Frank Dunn attended court at Melissa last Thursday.

Both Johnson and Altoga schools were suspended Friday on account of the Teacher's Institute.

The Cemetery Association will meet tonight for the purpose of reorganizing and electing new officers for the coming year.

Gibson and Graves, Melissa's hustling cattle men were here yesterday. QUIEN SABE (?)

Altoga, Tex., Jan. 17, '99.

Information Regarding The Unknown Dead Man.

Leland, Tex., Jan. 13, 1899.—Today's News, in describing the dead body lately found near McKinney, describes very implicitly a young man who lived in this vicinity about two months and known by the name of Harry Polk. During his stay in this community he boarded at the home of Mr. B. W. Barns, a prominent and reliable farmer, living eleven miles east of Ennis, where he picked cotton during the time.

On December 22nd he left Mr. Barnes' for Ennis to take the train for Greenville to visit his sister, as he said, Miss Myrtle Polk, who was attending school at an academy near Greenville, according to his statement, she was the only living relative he had.

Mr. Barne's and family remember well Mr. Polk, speaking of the scar under his eye as being caused by a hook from a cow, also his scared finger and a wart between some of his fingers, as the News described, also his shirt and coat in particular, while all his acquaintances recognize the general description of projecting teeth, highth, weight, etc.

He left this place with the intention of returning in a few days leaving all his clothing in care of Mr. Barnes and making arrangements for board when he returned, and nothing has been heard of him since.

He was a good boy and well liked,

Written for the living or the dead. Respectfully,

O. S. HELLUMS.

Trinity Laurels.

Jan. 15, '99.

Since the rain is over and the waters have subsided we have another chance of subscribing to you a few thougats from our midst.

Mr. Jim Rowe is very ill with pneumonia, also some of his children are on the sick list.

The singing school has been revived here and will meet at the school house every Saturday night, conducted by Mr. Robt, Allen.

Mr. Bateman and family of Melissa have moved into our community. We are glad to have them among us.

John Smith has just completed his new house.

Becker Mullow has gone to Los Angles, Cal.

ROSE BUD.

The Grippe and Sulphur.

In my daily papers of December 22nd I find that there are supposed to be something like 100,000 cases of grippe in New York City, and that it is also prevailing largely in Washington, Philadelphia and other cities, and is now threatening Boston. It is a fact that when it was prevailing as an epidemic largely in our city a few years ago, I ascertained, by inquiry of my officers at "Byams' Match Factory," that of the 43 persons employed there not one had been troubled by it.

I have at various times told the press how many at Memphis, Tenn., including the agents of "The Howard Benevolent Association" escaped the terrible epidemic of yellow fever there [as they claimed] by wearing powdered sulphur in their shoes—also the evidence of a distinguished German medical writer translated into English, that wearing sulphur in this way has proved a complete protection against cholera and other epidemic diseases—also that those working the sulphur mines of Italy escape the malaria which prevails all about them—also that sulphur in the shoes has cured various cases of rheumatism—also that sulphur taken internally or worn in the shoes has sufficient power to pass through the body, the clothing and the pocket book, blackening the silver there.

I find in the London Lancet that no less authority than the president of the Institute of Civil Engineers of London declares that the sulphurous vapor produced by the combustion of coal in that city kills the disease germs in the atmosphere.

It seems to me a duty, at this time, to again suggest as widely as possible through my own paper and others that sulpur is very cheap, and whether it destroys or keeps out germs of disease from the body or only acts upon the imagination it cannot do much harm to try it.

In the Scott County [Mississippi] Register of June 15th last will be found an account of how the agents of "The Howard Benevolent Association," at Memphis, escaped yellow fever by wearing sulphur in their shoes.

Half a teaspoonful of powdered sulphur in each shoe or stocking is considered to be sufficient.

As our readers know, we did our best last spring to put these facts [for the protection of our soldiers] before our army and navy officials at Washington.

We do not know whether anything was done about the matter by our medical officers there, but we have received letters from army officers and men, that with sulphur in the shoes they had no fevers and also found the sulphur a complete protection against fleas. On this same December 22nd we received in a letter from Captain Julius A. Palmer, of this city, the following:

"By the way, in view of your frequent recommendations of common sulphur, it came to my notice recently that on California ranches where walnuts are prepared for the market the shells are bleached by the use of brimstone fumes, and that the men having charge of that work are never touched by the grippe, influenza or other epidemics which attack their fellow-laborers on the same estates."

Boy Accidentally Shot.

Fred McCullar, son of J. J. B. McCullar of Denton, was accidentallay shot at that place Monday, with a small rifle in the hands of another boy. The wound is painful but not serious. Mr. McCullar is well known here having lived here several years, being engaged in the hotel business. He and his family have many friends here that will be glad to know that Fred is not any worse shot than reported

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The young men of McKinney without an exception should hear Rev. Mr. White's lecture next Thursday night 7:30 at the court house. The subject is "The Boy in Gray." Proceeds for Superannated Minister's fund.

The people on North Chestnut street are waking up and new side walks are being put down. Let the good work go on. More walks and better walks.

Sheriff Pafford left last night for the west, where he goes to bring back the blacksmith Jones, whom the Courier reported as cutting another man's throat recently. The incident occurred a few miles in the country from McKinney and the man skipped out but was captured and lodged in jail and our officers notified.

Our farmers are busy preparing for the Spring time and our town is preparing quietly for the reception of the prosperity and progress the year will bring to her.

Again we are grateful to receive the Texas Pacific Quarterly which shows evidence of growing better with age. The number before us is replete with choice selections, and the illustrations magnificent. On the subject of "Grapes," we note that our own citizen, E. W. Kirkpatrick, is quoted.

McKinney first.
McKinney last.
McKinney all the time.

Mrs. Watson Bowlby, who has been visiting friends in the city returned last evening to her home at Sherman.

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Verona, Texas.

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And soaked the week clear thro'
And now the clouds are hangin' round
With nothing else to do.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

The City of Mexico has a prison for women exclusively.

In Greenland potatoes never grow larger than marbles.

The Tartarian alphabet contains 202 letters, being the longest in the world.

Coal is mined in twenty-five counties in Iowa, and the total coal era includes 20,000 square miles.

Redlands, Cal., has a mammoth mowing machine which cuts a strip of wheat 50 feet wide.

The Prince of Wales is quoted in opposition to the wretched custom of cutting off horses' tails.

ev. Sam Small's daughter announces she is going on the stage, and will wear tights if necessary.

In one province in India, containing 24,000,000 people, there are only six missionaries of any church or society.

The Liverpool docks, one of the wonders of modern commerce, extend along the Mersey a distance of six and one-half miles.

The municipal council of Dublin refused to vote co-operation in the erection of a monument to Mr. Gladstone.

The report of the New York aqueduct commission shows that the cost of the new aqueduct up to date is $37,198,122.

Russia ranks fourth among the gold producing countries of the world, with an annual output of about $33,000,000.

In India the rhododendron grows to a height of 30 feet. Marigolds in North Africa reach a height of four or five feet.

Peaches are so plentiful in in Georgia that they are fed to hogs. The choicest fruit can be bought there for 20 cents a bushel.

It is reported that an apparently inexhaustible deposit of Fuller's earth has been discovered in San Bernardino county, California.

The cabbage still grows wild in Greece, where it originated. Radishes are native to China, but have been grown in Europe for centuries.

Railways represent an enormous addition to public wealth. The value of the railways of all countries is something like 5556 millions sterling.

To stop bleeding from the lungs take a teaspoonful of table salt and swallow it dry. Keep perfectly quiet, in a recumbent position, until a physician arrives.

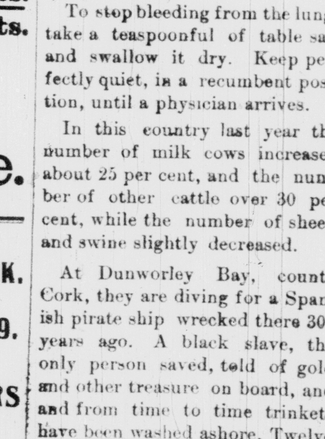
In this country last year the number of milk cows increased about 25 per cent, and the number of other cattle over 30 per cent, while the number of sheep and swine slightly decreased.

At Dunworley Bay, county Cork, they are diving for a Spanish pirate ship wrecked there 300 years ago. A black slave, the only person saved, told of gold and other treasure on board, and and from time to time trinkets have been washed ashore. Twelve cannon and some coins have been raised already, and the divers expect to reach the treasure soon.

Pretty Girls There.

"The Houtzdale (Penn.) Journal says: "The [illegible] of the Houtsdale girls are slender and delicately tinted, their [illegible] are like ***, and they are without — in this or any other \$. Their frowns are like †††, and their 132550 excite !!! of pleasure and a desire to m[illegible] them. Read this ¶ closely, and do not ? ist veracity."

Sympathetic Husbands.



The sympathetic tenderness of a loving husband is everything to an expectant mother, especially during her first ordeal. George Layton, Esq., a prominent druggist of Dayton, O., gives the following case:

A customer of mine, whose wife has used four bottles of "Mother's Friend" before confinement, says after seeing the effects of the remedy, that if she had to go through the ordeal again, and there were but four bottles on the market, and the cost was $100 per bottle, she would have them.

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[illegible] accompanied by [illegible]

Meekison of Ohio.

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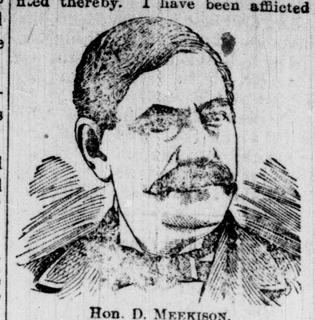
Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, O.

DEAR SIR:—I have used several bottles of Pe-ru-na and feel greatly benefited thereby. I have been afflicted



Hon. D. MEEKISON.

with catarrh of the head and feel encouraged to believe that continued use of Pe-ru-na will fully eradicate a disease of thirty years' standing.

Yours sincerely,

D. MEEKISON.

The continued receipt of endorsements like this for Dr. Hartman's great catarrh remedy, prove its value beyond question. Men of prominence everywhere are recognizing the merit of Pe-ru-na and are willing to give expression to their judgment because a certain, absolute cure for catarrh is a public good. All druggists sell Pe-ru-na.

Ask any druggist for a free Pe-ru-na Almanac for the year 1899.

MONDAY.

J. M. Barnett of Oak Cliff is in the city.

A. G. Chandler left today for New York.

Mack Harris leaves tomorrow for Roswell, N. M.

W. T. Harris of Sherman is here on business today.

Mrs. Dr. Foote left this morning to visit at Clarksville.

Mrs. M. A. Bowen left yesterday for a visit to Galveston.

Atty. Dan Garnett went south this morning on legal business.

Mrs. Hammond left this morning to visit her daughter in Dallas.

Mr. Finberg of Mineola has accepted a position with the firm of L. I. Dreeben.

W. S. Knight, the dry goods man, is in the city looking after his business here.

Clay Mack, Jr., returned Saturday night from Plano where he has been with the Star for some time.

Col. DeArmond and daughters, Miss Kate and Mrs. Pearson, are visiting in Dallas today.

Rev. Mr. White, the ex-Confederate soldier, who is billed to lecture in the court house next Thursday night at 7:30, requests all ex-Confederate soldiers in McKinney and community to hear him. A large audience of the citizens in general is desired. Ladies are especially requested to help in this good cause. Proceeds for benefit of superanuated minister's fund.

At the hurches,

After so much bad weather and our people being so closely hemmed by the mud so long yesterday's beautiful blue sky and warm sunshine found them all anxious to get out and go to church. Large crowds of young people attended the Sunday Schools and the eleven o'clock services at all the churches were well attended. Rev. Richardson held services as usual at the court room, where he preached two splendid sermons morning and evening which were listened to by large congregations. At the Methodist church Rev. Casey in his usual entertaining and instructive manner preached to large and attentive audiences. Rev. Berryman at the Christian church had large congregations. At the First Baptist church Dr. King entertained his hearers who were many with two strong and logical sermons. At St. Peters church Rev. J. Orson Miller preached to fair congregations who accorded him close and appreciative attention.

Work on the Water Works.

A force of 35 or 40 men began work on the water works this morning and the ditching is progressing at a very satisfactory rate. The work was commenced at the big well and the first will be dug direct to where the stand pipe will be built, thence to the square and on till the work is complete. There is no more doubt now that McKinney will soon be the proud possessor of a water works and sewerage system that will be the pride of the town. No pains or money will or has been spared to make every part of the work first class and complete. Messrs. Kelley and Steel, the gentlemen who have charge of the constructing, fully understand their business and our city can depend on having every detail of the work carried out to the best possible advantage. As our contractors will see to it that our water works and sewerage are timely finished we need not worry over it any longer but turn our thoughts and attention to other improvements that are waiting for the hand of progress to push them into reality. McKinney's possibilities are great and broad and we all should strive to carry our town to the limit of advancement.

The Class of 1888.

I am sitting in my chamber
As the hours come and go;
My thoughts are playing truant
And are back in long ago.

I am thinking of the teachers
Who were always kind and dear;
Of the happy hearted schoolmates.
How the've scattered far and near.

There was one who would reprove us
With kind words, when tongues would rattle;
She was always sweet and patient
Still we were afraid of Battle.

In the class she oft' would tell us
That to marry was not the thing;
Now she's keeping house in Sherman
And her husband is a King.

In our school room one bright morning
Came another to teach the fifth;
But we loved her very dearly
Even tho' her name was Smith.

There was one who was so Noble,
But with us she would not stay;
For George, the dreadful monster
Took our Noble Gal-oway.

There's another always happy
With bright eyes and dimpled chin;
Went to keep house for her brother
Now she's keeping house for Jim.

Then there was studious schoolmate,
Always studying plant and pith;
And her name—I can't conceal it
Yes, it too, has changed to Smith.

Time goes by—and here's another
Just as happy as birds in May;
But she wasn't fond of small grain
So from Oats she changed to Hay.

On the Hill my dear old chum lived
Who had sweethearts by the score;
But her heart was never sounded
'Till she met just one boy Moore.

One was told of all the animals
That a Fox you could not tame;
She only laughed and answered
"I will try it all the same."

There was one who could manage
All the boys by crook or hook;
'Till at last she decided
On a high toned first class Cooke.

Jolly—how we loved her
With her fun she'd never stop;
Would you believe it if I tell you
That she calls her husband Top.

There was one who sat behind me,
Her puns were rare and racey;
She declared she'd never marry
But I find her name is Stacey.

Dear old Lula how she'd catch it,
And she often was to blame;
But she left the Alma Matre (Ditto)
Changed her name to mean the same.

There was one who never married
Whether school kept in or not;
If at school she had to tarry
She would only say good Scott.

One dear girl could always conquer
For she had a big strong Will;
Still she conquers all around her
From the children to a Hill.

There is Lela she never misses
Said her sister very slyly;
I don't think she could do it
If she were not quite so Wiley.

On the front seat sat another,
And the teacher—how she tried her!
All day long you heard the whisper,
Don't or quit or stop Maria.

On a seat back in the corner
Where the teacher could not scan;
Was a girl who traded apples
And we called her plain old Ann.

On the next seat sat her sister
Her lessons would never lag;
For examples we would give her
Our doll's ward robe—every rag.

There was one who would not whisper,
She was never never late;
And her teachers always praised her,
Then that made us mad with Kate.

There was Darius, Cliff and Allie
Montry, Cellus and Eugene;
Ollie, Iva, Ben and Sallie,
Will, Henry and Laurine.

There are others, there are others
In this class of '88;
But I'll leave them for the present,
As the hour is growing late.

I'll be like Dick Naylor in News.
If this is too lengthy continue in your next.

ONE OF THE GIRLS.

Mrs. John Coffey who has been visiting the family of W. S. Coffey here received the news of the severe illness of her aunt at Van Alstyne today and left on the noon train for that place.

Tonight

If your liver is out of order, causing Biliousness, Sick Headache, Heartburn, or Constipation, take a dose of

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On retiring, and tomorrow your digestive organs will be regulated and you will be bright, active and ready for any kind of work. This has been the experience of others; it will be yours. HOOD'S PILLS are [illegible] by all druggists. 25 cts.

The members of the McKinney Musical Association are requested to meet promptly at 7 o'clock tomorrow (Tuesday) night at the home of Mrs. John Johnson. The meeting will be one of importance, therefore it is essential that all members be present. This association under the direction of their efficient leader, Mrs. Dr. Gibson, are preparing themselves to render some fine music for the public in the near future, showing that their efforts in a musical direction are not for their own pleasure and improvement alone, but hope to benefit the community by giving a series of monthly "sacred concerts" for the benefit of the various churches in our city.

MRS. E. N. McAULEY,
President.

Hamp Wysong Here.

Hamp Wysong, one of the victims of the H. & T. C. wreck, which occurred on East Fork bridge two weeks ago, and who was among the worst of the injured, is in our city today, telling the story to his anxious and enquiring friends. He is looking quite well, and the deep gash he received upon his head is fast getting well and to see him one cannot tell that he had received a scratch, as his hat covers the wound. Probably the worst injuries he has sustained are in his wrists, both being so badly sprained that he has but little use of them. Hamp says that he can not tell anything definitely about the occurrence more than he is sure that something happened and happened "quick and devilish." He can remember he says, of hearing the coach ahead pop and crack something like a whip—then a spin—a thud—and a crash—and all was over, not only over but off and upside down. He says when the wreck occurred they were not exactly poking along, but were fairly burning the breeze. He was in conversation at the time with Prof. Fritz and Rev. Stapp, the former being slightly bruised and the latter unhurt. As soon as he was assisted from the car by his more fortunate companion, W. M. Shirley, they struck out for home. Mr. Shirley did not know he was hurt and felt no apparent injury more than a slight jar, but it soon developed that he was hurt inwardly, and he is still suffering severely at his home in Melissa. His many friends are indeed sorry to know of his continued suffering and hope soon to see him entirely recovered.

Special Notice to Tax Payers.

The new law requires that all taxes be paid on or before the 31st day of January.

The tax collector is forced by this law to add ten per cent penalty to all taxes that are not paid by that date, and is forced to collect the penalty and report it.

I hope that all tax payers will settle their taxes on or before the above date as I will be compelled by the law to collect the penalty from all who fail to settle by that time.

YANCY POWELL,
3-4 n Tax Collector Collin Co.

SENSATION IN WISCONSIN.

A Jewish Woman Believed to Have Been Buried Alive at Duluth.

West Superior, Wis., Jan 16 There are likely to be sensational developments in the case of Mrs. Wilfoung, who is thought to have been buried alive. Coroner Downs of this city, acting on orders of District Attorney Ross, went to Duluth yesterday with the intention of disinterring the remains to permit of a post mortem examination to determine the cause of death as demanded by the relatives of the woman.

Coroner Downs, with a hearse, went to the graveyard and commenced to open the grave. While so engaged, a mob of 150 Jews of the faction opposed to the disinterment attacked him and he was compelled to desist. Downs returned here under close surveillance. He proposes to go out about midnight with enough following to bring the body to this city where an examination will be held. In the Jewish tabernacle yesterday a riot took place between the factions, brothers and relatives of the dead woman attacking Wilfoung, her husband. A free-for-all fight ensued. The police quelled the row. No arrests were made.

REV. DIX [illegible]

He Severs His Connection With Christian Union Church at New York.

New York, Jan 16.—Rev. Thomas Dixon Jr., who for four years past has been preaching to the People's church, a Christian Union denominational church, whose Sunday meetings have been held at the academy of music and the grand opera house, read to his congregation yesterday his resignation, which will take place on March 1.

In his letter of resignation Dr Dixon said that the results of his work had been disappointing; that he had not been able to raise sufficient money to meet expenses and that he "had disillusioned as to the idea of organic christian union."

He has determined therefore to resume his position in the regular Baptist ministry.

"During the past four years," Dr. Dixon's letter reads, "everything I have said as pastor of the People's church I could have said in a Baptist pulpit with equal propriety and greater force."

Paul Jones Believed Lost.

New Orleans, Jan. 16.—The naptha yacht Paul Jones, is believed lost. It left the mouth of the Mississippi on Jan. 9, for Pensacola, Fla., and since that time nothing has been heard from it. There were 11 persons on board.

Third Kentucky Packing Up.

Columbus, Ga., Jan. 16.—The Third Kentucky regiment is again packing up to go to Savannah, where it will embark for Cuba.

THE FORECAST OF CONGRESS.

Work Mapped Out for the Senate and House for This Week.

DAVIS WILL PUSH THE TREATY.

Watching a Chance to Get it Before the Senate Without Displacing other Bills.

THE DEBATE ON THE NICARAGUAN CANAL

It Will Be Taken up by the Senate and Speeches Limited to Fifteen Minutes—Mr. Dingley's Funeral.

Washington, Jan. 16.—It is the purpose of Senator Davis, in charge of the peace treaty, to again call it up as soon as it can be reached without displacing other measures which take preference under the existing orders of the senate. These questions are the Indian appropriation bill and the Nicaragua canal bill.

Under the agreement made last week the canal bill will be taken up 3 o'clock Tuesday for discussion in speeches not to exceed 15 minutes in duration. There is no agreement for a vote on the bill, but the belief is general that the understanding will lead to an early vote.

The members will attend the funeral of Mr. Dingley today noon, but after this ceremony the senators will return to their desks and resume consideration of the Indian bill. This bill may continue to hold attention until Tuesday and if such should prove to be the case the further consideration of the treaty would be proposed until after action upon the Nicaragua bill.

In the meantime the pension and diplomatic appropriation bills will have been reported from the committee on appropriations, but it is not the purpose at present to give them precedence over the treaty. Senator Davis, chairman of the foreign relations committee and Senator Allison, chairman of the appropriations committee, are working in perfect harmony so that no clash between the treaty and the supply bills is probable.

The work of the house for this week will be overcast with the sad rites attending the final tributes to Mr. Dingley. These will be held in the house of representatives at noon today, and immediately following them the house will adjourn for the day.

On Tuesday the legislative work of the house will be resumed with the naval personnel bill coming over from last Friday.

Wednesday has been designated for the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The most important bill this committee has on the calendar is that providing for a Pacific cable running to Hawaii and thence to Japan.

By Thursday the postoffice appropriation bill will be reported and ready to take up in the house.

The main interest attaches to the time when the important bill for the increase of the regular army can be taken up. It is awaiting the recovery of Chairman Hull of the military committee and should he be about by the end of the week this measure will be brought forward.

The Egan-Miles Affair.

Washington, Jan. 16.—There are no new developments in the case growing out of the attack made by Commissary General Eagan upon General Miles in the former's appearance before the war investigation commission. During the coming week the probability is some word will be received by the war investigating commission from Gen. Eagan in answer to the letter of that body suggesting the expurgation of the objectionable part of his testimony. General Eagan declines to make any statement in the matter for publication at this time.

John Russell Young's Illness.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The condition of Hon. John Russell Young, librarian of congress, is about the same. The nature of his illness is such that recovery is necessarily slow and tedious.

Paymaster General Stanton of the army was better, the symptoms being regarded as more favorable.

Miss Arnold to Marry a Texan.

St. Louis, Jan. 16.—Miss Emma Arnold of St. Louis, who gained considerable notoriety last summer at Asbury Park, N. J., by kissing Lieutenant Hobson, the hero of the Merrimac, is engaged to be married to Mr. Charles Erber, a wealthy jeweler of Texarkana, Tex. Announcement to this effect is made by Mrs. M. Arnold, the young woman's mother. The wedding will take place in the spring. The date has been fixed.

No New Smallpox Cases.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 16.—There have been no new cases of the smallpox reported in Lincoln county for a week, and it is believed the disease is under control. In all there have been 30 cases and nine deaths and 15 are still seriously ill.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Shrader, the "divine healer," is at Jacksonville, Tex.

William S. Skelton died at Dallas, Tex. He was well known over the state, and was one of the largest men in the south, weighing 438 pounds.

Dr. Edwin H. Hale, one of the best known homeopathic physicians in the United States, died at Chicago.

The Arlington hotel, sanatorium and George Frank's residence, were destroyed by fire at Marlin, Tex. Loss, $56,000; insurance, $33,800.

Miss Anna Mary Schley, daughter of the late Colonel William L. Schley, suicided at Baltimore, Md.

The British ship Andelina, sank Saturday night while anchored in the port at Tacoma, Wash. The 17 persons sleeping on board, besides the crew, were drowned.

Hugh Baldin, who attempted to murder Ab Boles, was given three years in the pen at Cuero, Tex.

The young hotel at Edna, Tex., was destroyed by fire. Several firms suffered from the fire. Loss $20,000.

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